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SUBJECT: ISRAELI SEIZURE OF LEBANESE VESSEL

REF: BEIRUT 9753

1. ISRAELI PRESS HAVE REPORTED THAT AN ISRAELI NAVAL PATROL BOAT APPREHENDED A LEBANESE FISHING VESSEL WHICH HAD ENTERED ISRAELI TERRITORIAL WATERS WEST OF NAHARIYA ON AUGUST 14 AND SEIZED TWO TONS OF HASHISH. THIS IS PURPOORTEDLY THE LARGEST QUANTITY OF THE DRUG EVER SEIZED BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES.

2. FOUR SEAMEN ON THE VESSEL WERE REPORTED TO BE SELIM SHEHADEH 24, FORMERLY OF GAZA, ELIAS FAKOUSI 21, OF LEBANON, MUSTAFA ZAMHOURI 65, A JORDANIAN, AND MOUSA HIGAZI 28, OF EGYPT. ON AUGUST 16 ALL FOUR WERE REMANDED IN CUSTODY FOR 15 DAYS BY THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT IN HAIFA PENDING COMPLETION OF THE POLICE INVESTIGAATION.

3. ZAMHOURI ALLEGEDLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN

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HAD MET THEM ON A LEBANESE BEACH AND REQUESTED THAT THEY

TAKE HIM AND HIS CARGO TO MERSA MATROUH IN EGYPT. THE SEAMEN WERE SUPPOSEDLY UNAWARE OF THE NATURE OF THE CARGO UNTIL THEY WERE AT SEA. AS THEY APPROACHED MERSA MATROUH THE INDIVIDUAL GOT INTO A DINGHY AND REQUESTED THAT THE CREW WAIT UNTIL HE RETURNED TO PICK UP THE HAHISH. A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER, ZAMHOURI CLAIMED THAT SHOTS WERE FIRED AT THEM FROM THE EGYPTIAN SHORE. THEY FLED AND WERE ON THEIR WAY BACK TO BEIRUT WHEN THEY STRAYED INTO ISRAELI WATERS.

4. ISRAELI NATIONAL POLICE HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MORE DETAILS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY AS THEIR INVESTIGATION PROGRESSES.
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